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**pe-riph-er-y**  *noun* *ə-pər'ē-ə-tē*

*plural -er-ies*

Definition of PERIPHERY

- 1 : the perimeter of a circle or other closed curve; also : the perimeter of a polygon
- 2 : the external boundary or surface of a body
- 3 a : the outward bounds of something as distinguished from its internal regions or center : **CONFINES**
- b : an area lying beyond the strict limits of a thing

Examples of PERIPHERY

<the dogs are confined by an invisible electronic fence that runs along the **periphery** of the yard>

Origin of PERIPHERY

Middle French *peripherie*, from Late Latin *peripheria*, from Greek *peripheria*, from *peripherēin* to carry around, from *peri-* + *pherēin* to carry — more at **BEAR**

First Known Use: 1571

Related to PERIPHERY

**Synonyms:** borderline, bound, boundary, brim, circumference, compass, confines, edge, edging, end, frame, fringe, hem, margin, perimeter, border, rim, skirt, skirting, verge

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